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From: Wilson, Jennifer [wilson.jenniferA@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/3/2020 8:46:17 PM
To: Burdett, Cheryl [burdett.cheryl@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Kewaunee County Questions for call 2/6 1pm

Great! Thank you!

From: Burdett, Cheryl <burdett.cheryl@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Wilson, Jennifer <wilson.jenniferA@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Kewaunee County Questions for call 2/6 1pm

I agree. I copied Chris on the e-mail I sent to you.

Cheryl Burdett

From: Wilson, Jennifer <wilson.jenniferA@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Burdett, Cheryl <burdett.cheryl@epa.gov>; Grubb, Christopher <Grubb.Christopher@epa.gov>
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From: Nancy & Lynn Utesch { Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) }

Sent: Monday, February 03, 2020 2:25 PM

To: Burdett, Cheryl <burdett.cheryl@epa.gov>

Subject: Kewaunee County Questions for call 2/6 1pm

Dear Cheryl, below are some of the questions I would appreciate being addressed by the EPA.

-The Algoma HS kiosk was a grassroots effort by citizenry in the county pairing up with Stonehouse Water Technologies to offer clean water to impacted citizens. From labels, to clean jugs, to the actual building of the kiosk, citizenry stepped up to help perform these functions. The kiosk has had issues with maintenance, need for filter changes, and periods where it is not functioning. Other citizen issues were brought forth in our Chicago meeting, such as the sole kiosk is not user friendly for those who cannot travel to its destination. What has EPA done to ensure that clean drinking water has been readily available to Kewaunee County citizens and what investment and resources have been utilized from the agency? Can the EPA set up kiosks in other key point regions of our county? If so, how soon?

I believe its important for the EPA to recognize the failures of both the Peninsula Pride concept in providing water to citizenry, and also the DNR program, which, its own record of non-involvement with citizens should speak volumes. Citizens out here do not wish to receive water from the very abusers that contaminated their well, and the DNR program is difficult to access, even for the computer savvy, and many disenfranchised citizens neither have a computer or the knowledge on how to effectively receive water from the agency. The few that did access the site, found the hurdles to achieving clean water at a cost to them [water testing costs] and paperwork, were deterrents.

Per our spills, has the EPA viewed the spills spreadsheet I provided in our last email? If so, does the EPA agree that [most] of these are unpermitted spills?

Has EPA analyzed the causes for the spills--or the DNR response/lack of response? Or the impacts on the Kewaunee Community, which were many?

What is the EPA's plan to stop these unpermitted spills? Is EPA advising the DNR on how to stop these spills?

What will EPA do to oversee WPDES permits and ensure that they require proper storage in light of modern data on what constitutes a 24 hour, 25 year storm event?

Does your drinking water team recognize that there is a problem? How does the team characterize this problem? A crisis? Concern? or merely "a problem"?

What is the drinking water team's specific plan for the next 3-6 months to help Kewaunee residents have reliable access to clean drinking water? Does it include water delivery for the elderly, disabled and others who cannot travel to obtain water at site specific areas?

Has the drinking water team considered providing bottled water? If so, when did they start considering it? Why has this not been done yet?

Has the EPA considered doing a study like in Yakima Valley, or the Central Sands region? If not, why not? What additional information do they need, or is this a political issue? If they have considered a study, when will it actually happen?

Has the EPA read the Borchardt report I sent to you 1/6/2020? What is the EPA's take away from that final report?

What has EPA done in the past year to address the ongoing contamination and oversee WDNR's actions related to the SDWA petition? What does it plan to do in 2020?

Cheryl, I was quite taken aback that I provided you information that I had assumed EPA would have, such as our last 6 months of serious spills. It seems like there is a real communications problem between the DNR and EPA, and the issues in our county. How does the EPA plan on staying abreast of spills and well contamination in our county? What kinds of spills or well contamination would EPA think merit immediate attention?

What was EPA's reaction to the resolution drawn up in Kewaunee County regarding our "manure crisis" in December?

<https://kewauneecomet.com/proposed-resolution-asks-governor-to-act-on-manure-emergency/>

Did you speak to anyone on these proposed measures?

Has EPA spoken to Joseph Baeten, DNR, on what is being done to address Kewaunee's manure emergency, and any amendments made to 180 days manure storage? Is the EPA tracking which CAFO's are requesting "emergency spreading"--or how fields are being determined for application? Is any additional oversight taking place amid this crisis? Enforcement measures? NON's, or NOV's?

Thank you for your time and consideration in addressing my questions.

Sincerely,

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Kewaunee, Wisconsin